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MEMORANDUM

From: Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

To: Fleet Activities Yokosuka

Subj: MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 ONBOARD FLEET

ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA (29 APRIL 2021)

Ref: (a) COMUSFJ Public Health Emergency Declaration dtd 18 Dec 20

(b) COMNAVFOR/COMNAVREG Japan memo dtd 26 Apr 21

(c) DoD Instruction 6200.03 of 28 Mar 19

(d) COMPACFLT 210045Z MAR 20

- (e) DoN Memorandum: Use of Masks and Other Public Health Measures dtd 4 Mar 21
- (f) USFJ Liberty Order for U.S. Military Forces Located or Operating in Japan dtd 2 Mar 20
- (g) COMFLEACT Yokosuka memo dtd 23 Apr 21

Encl: (1) Liberty Area Map

- 1. Per reference (a), Commander, United States Forces Japan issued a public health emergency for all installations in Japan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Continuing to control the spread of this virus is impossible without personal accountability and individual sacrifice from every Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) member (service members, dependents, United States civil servants, and contractors) and Master Labor Contract (MLC)/Indirect Hiring Agreement (IHA) employee on this installation. Our efforts thus far have been effective in controlling the spread of this virus and improving conditions have allowed for the gradual easing of policy. We cannot, however, lose sight of our mission to stay healthy and be ready to fight.
- 2. In accordance with references (a) through (f), the following measures are reasonably necessary to accomplish the military mission of Fleet Activities Yokosuka and its tenant commands, and to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of personnel assigned to or residing onboard the installation. SOFA personnel and MLC/IHA employees assigned or attached to Fleet Activities Yokosuka or its tenant commands may engage in approved activities in accordance with the following requirements:
- a. <u>Curfew</u>. A Health Protection Curfew remains for all SOFA personnel between the hours of 2000 and 0500 in HIGHER RISK liberty areas, as defined in 2p(3). In HIGHER RISK liberty areas, SOFA personnel will return to their residence or to a NORMAL RISK liberty area while the curfew is in effect. If on approved leave, SOFA personnel will return to an approved hotel accommodation in the HIGHER RISK liberty area during curfew hours. Personnel are cautioned the USFJ standard curfew is also still applicable in Japan. See reference (f).
- b. <u>Hotels</u>. Hotels are authorized for purposes of liberty in NORMAL RISK liberty areas in addition to TAD/TDY or as otherwise approved by a unit commander or activity head for the purpose of leave.

- c. <u>Fitness Centers</u>. Off-installation fitness centers are off-limits for Active Duty and Reserve Component personnel on orders, in accord with reference (d).
- d. <u>Tattoo Parlors, Concerts, Music Halls, Amusement Parks, Arcades, and Theaters</u>. Individuals will conduct a risk assessment and obtain permission from their sponsoring command or activity based on a risk assessment conducted for that command or activity, per reference (b).
- e. <u>Mass Transit</u>. Mass transit is authorized. Personnel are cautioned to minimize their use of mass transit, avoid crowded lines and times, and maintain the mitigation measures set forth in this memo.
- f. <u>Off-limits establishments</u>. All bars, chuhai stands, izakayas, night clubs, lounges, festivals, indoor sporting events, karaoke, pachinko parlors, and the like are off-limits to all SOFA personnel, military and civilian, in all areas. No matter where these establishments are located, whether on leave or liberty, they are all off-limits.
- g. <u>Physical distancing</u>. Personnel shall, to the maximum extent possible, maintain at least six feet, or two meters, between themselves and any member of another household unless mission needs dictate otherwise. This paragraph does not apply to members of the same household.
- h. <u>Face coverings</u>. Per reference (e), all individuals on military installations, and all individuals performing official duties on behalf of the U.S. Government from any location other than the individual's home or place of residence, including outdoor shared spaces, will wear masks in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines. Individuals must wear masks continuously while on military installations except:
- (1) When an individual is alone in an office with floor-to-ceiling walls with a closed door.
- (2) For brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines and instructions from commanders and supervisors.
 - (3) When the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes.
 - (4) When necessary to reasonably accommodate an individual with a disability.
 - (5) When necessary to reasonably accommodate participation in a religious service.
- (6) When outdoors, including for physical fitness, and appropriate physical distancing can be maintained in accordance with CDC guidance.
 - (7) As otherwise noted in reference (e).
- i. <u>Hygiene</u>, etiquette, and exposure duration. Personnel are reminded to minimize their risk of exposure to COVID-19 by washing their hands frequently, not touching their face, not shaking hands, practicing cough/sneeze etiquette, and limiting the time personnel are exposed to individuals from another household or to high-traffic areas where individuals from other households typically congregate. If using public transportation as permitted by this order, personnel are encouraged to

wear at least one glove while touching handrails, and then wash their hands immediately upon completion of travel. Personnel who are experiencing any symptoms of illness will inform their immediate supervisor, seek medical care, and not report to work.

- j. <u>Close contact tracing</u>. In accordance with references (a) and (b), personnel shall maintain a 14-day close contact and travel tracker. Individuals shall maintain a close contact list of 10 or fewer close contacts.
- k. Group size limits. When indoors on Main Base, Ikego, and off-installation areas, personnel may gather in groups of **ten or fewer**, **or limited to two households if in excess of 10**. All groups, indoors and outdoors, shall observe the requirements of paragraph 2. Individuals are reminded that every individual in the group shall be listed on their close contact log, in accordance with 2(i). If one member of a group later tests positive for COVID-19, all members of that group and the members of each individual's household may be required to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. Gatherings in in excess of these limitations must be command sponsored.
- 1. <u>Command sponsored group size limits</u>. Command sponsored gatherings indoors of more than seventy-five (75) individuals require CFAY approval, via the CFAY Safety Office. A deliberate ORM assessment shall be conducted and approved by unit commanders for all mission-related gatherings in excess of ten individuals, but require no approval from CFAY. Individuals and sponsoring commands shall observe the mitigation measures of this memo to the maximum extent possible.
- m. <u>Religious Services</u>. Per reference (d), personnel may attend off-installation religious services and places of worship provided they comply with COVID-19 mitigation measures to include maintaining a physical distance of six feet from others to the maximum extent possible, wearing face coverings when in close contact with others, and abiding by the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for communities of faith.
- n. <u>Unaccompanied Housing</u>. Residents of Unaccompanied Housing (UH) may receive visitors in their assigned housing buildings, provided the mitigation measures of this memo are maintained.
- o. <u>DoD Installations</u>. Travel between DoD installations in Japan is authorized with no unnecessary stops outside approved liberty area. In a Higher Risk area, individuals may stay overnight at a DoD-owned and operated accommodation.
- p. <u>Liberty area</u>. For the purpose of this policy, the liberty area is divided into three categories: **Normal Risk** (**GREEN** areas in enclosure 1) and **Higher Risk** (**YELLOW** areas in enclosure 1), and Off-Limits (**BLACK** areas in enclosure 1). ***NOTE**: **Higher Risk** areas may be located within otherwise **Normal Risk** areas.
- (1) The Normal Risk liberty areas include: main and adjacent islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu, and Shikoku except as limited below. See enclosure (1).
- (2) Within **Normal Risk** areas, off-installation indoor dining at restaurants is permitted in facilities that support physical distancing and health protection measures to prevent COVID-19. Patronizing aquariums, museums, outdoor sporting venues, and zoos is authorized

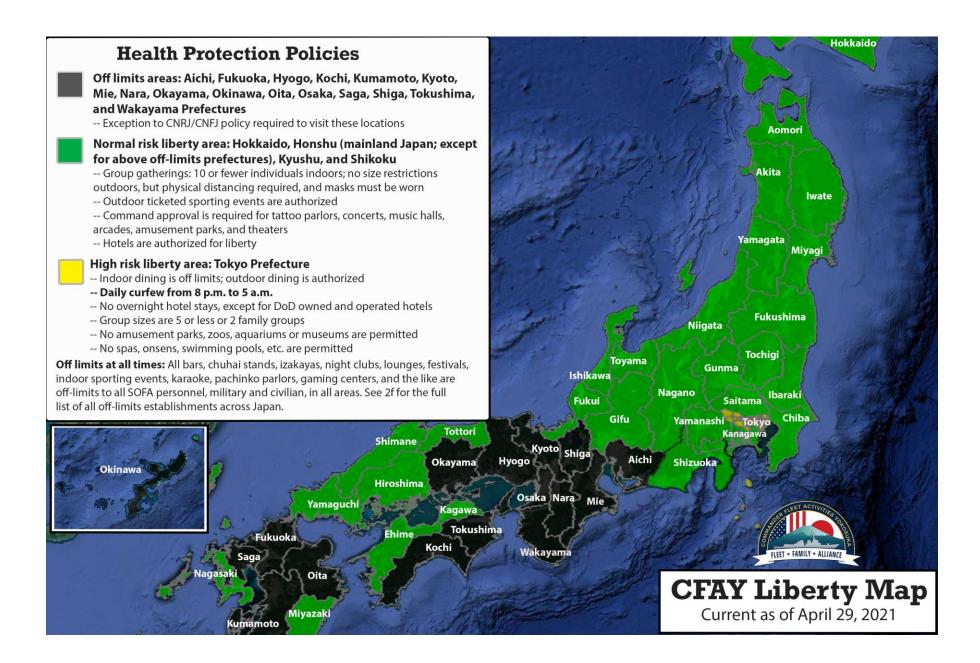
in the **Normal Risk** liberty areas. Personnel are advised to exercise caution, avoid crowded areas, and to follow the health protection measures described in this memo.

- (3) The **Higher Risk** liberty areas include: **Tokyo Prefecture**. See enclosure (1).
- (4) Within the **Higher Risk** areas, hotel stays are NOT authorized for purposes of liberty. Additionally, dining indoors at restaurants off-installation is off-limits. Personnel dining outdoors are cautioned: the above group size limits described in paragraph 2(k) apply to outdoor dining; maintain physical distancing from other patrons; wear masks when not eating; and limit conversations when masks are not worn. Also, amusement parks, zoos, aquariums, museums, arcades, fitness centers, spas, onsens, swimming pools, and the like are off-limits for all personnel.
- (5) OFF-LIMITS AREAS: Aichi, Fukuoka; Hyogo; Kochi; Kumamoto; Kyoto; Mie; Nara; Oita; Okayama; Okinawa; Osaka; Saga; Shiga; Tokushima; and Wakayama Prefectures. Outside the liberty area (Normal Risk and High Risk), individuals may conduct only essential and mission-essential travel and activities. All other activities outside the liberty area are prohibited. Exceptions to CNRJ/CNFJ policy are required to visit these locations.
- 3. Mission-essential activities include:
 - a. Medical or dental appointments.
 - b. Employment.
 - c. Education.
 - d. Vehicle registration and maintenance.
 - e. Paying bills or taxes.
 - f. Conducting business with government offices.
 - g. Pet care from veterinary providers or kennels.
- h. Within a 3 km radius of an individual's own residence, individuals may purchase food, fuel, or other key essentials.
- i. Within a 3 km radius of an individual's own residence outside the liberty area, individuals may engage in outdoor exercise like running, walking, cycling, or hiking in sparsely populated and low traffic areas. Outdoor water recreation activities (e.g. kayaking, paddle- boarding, and surfing) are also permitted.
- 4. Unit commanders may grant leave inside and outside of the local liberty area. Outside of the liberty area, follow the leave guidance in reference (b).
- 5. If you feel sick, stay home. Personnel who feel sick should not report to work or engage in activities onboard the installation until they have contacted a medical provider at the United States Naval Hospital Yokosuka or their Command Medical Authority, and their chain of the command.

- 6. 50% workforce reduction will remain authorized and is encouraged for all Fleet Activities Yokosuka tenant commands. Commands should continue to use telework, alternate, and shift work schedules to the maximum extent possible.
- 7. Commands are encouraged to identify high-risk personnel (those who are particularly susceptible to serious health complications if they were to contract COVID-19) and personnel with living or commuting arrangements that make it impossible to abide by the above requirements and restrictions, and implement telework to the maximum extent possible for those personnel. Similarly, commands are encouraged to identify personnel who reside with individuals who cannot abide by the above requirements and restrictions in order to implement telework to the maximum extent possible for those personnel.
- 8. Notwithstanding any restriction or requirement of this memorandum, Fleet Activities Yokosuka may adjust any physical distancing requirements, group-size limits, or any other restriction or requirement for the purpose of executing Fleet Activities Yokosuka sponsored events and programs.
- 9. This memorandum applies to active-duty and reserve service members, retirees, military dependents, civilian employees, contractors, host nation civilian employees and anyone who either has or is requesting access to this installation unless otherwise stated. This memorandum is punitive and constitutes a lawful order for service members. Service members may be subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for non-compliance. All others are strongly encouraged to comply. Non-compliance will result in denied access to the installation for a minimum period of 14 days and may be subject to administrative action (i.e., curtailment, installation debarment, or Early Return to the United States).

10. Reference (g) is hereby cancelled and is superseded by this memo.

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Enclosure (1)